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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method comprising:
 - opening media content that does not include a table of contents;
 - receiving a request for metadata associated with the media content;
 - extracting search criteria from the media content;
 - searching a database that contains media content metadata based on the search criteria;
 - displaying one or more sets of metadata that, based on the search criteria, may be associated with the media content;
 - receiving an indication of a user selection of a particular one of the sets of metadata; and
 - storing the particular set of metadata in a media library, such that the set of metadata is associated with the media content.

1 2. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein [[a]]
2 the media content includes a data structure for storing textual metadata associated
3 with the media content.
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5 3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 2 wherein the data
6 structure for storing textual metadata comprises attribute tags for storing at least
7 one of an artist name, an album name, and a track name.
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9 4. (Original) The method as recited claim 3 wherein the media content
10 is formatted as an MP3 file and the attribute tags comprise a plurality of ID3 tags.
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12 5. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the extracting
13 comprises identifying an artist name stored in an attribute tag associated with the
14 media content.
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16 6. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the extracting
17 comprises identifying an album name stored in an attribute tag associated with the
18 media content.
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20 7. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the extracting
21 comprises identifying a track name stored in an attribute tag associated with the
22 media content.
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1 8. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the extracting
2 comprises parsing a filename associated with the media content based on a
3 particular character to identify an artist name and a track name.

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5 9. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the extracting
6 comprises identifying a portion of a filename associated with the media content as
7 a track name.

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9 10. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the extracting
10 comprises identifying a portion of a filename associated with the media content as
11 an artist name.

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13 11. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the searching
14 comprises:

15 expanding the search criteria to include similar search terms; and
16 searching a music metadata database based on the expanded search criteria
17 to identify metadata that may be associated with the media content.

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19 12. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the searching
20 comprises:

21 submitting search criteria to a server computer system; and
22 receiving search results from the server computer system.

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24 13. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the displaying one
25 or more sets of metadata that, based on the search criteria, may be associated with

1 the media content comprises displaying one or more graphical tiles of data, such
2 that each tile displays a track name, an album name, and an artist name.

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4 14. (Original) The method as recited claim 13 wherein a tile further
5 displays a track number.

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7 15. (Original) The method as recited claim 13 wherein a tile further
8 displays an associated album art.

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10 16. (Original) The method as recited claim 13 wherein a tile further
11 displays an associated genre.

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13 17. (Original) The method as recited claim 13 wherein a tile further
14 displays an associated record label.

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16 18. (Original) The method as recited claim 13 wherein a tile further
17 displays an associated release date.

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19 19. (Original) The method as recited claim 1 wherein the storing the
20 particular set of metadata in a media library comprises:

21 writing the metadata to a media library, such that the metadata is associated
22 with a particular media ID; and

23 associating the particular media ID with the media content.
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1 20. (Original) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the associating
2 comprises modifying the media content to include the media ID.

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4 21. (Original) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the associating
5 comprises adding a binary GUID that represents the media ID to a file containing
6 the media content.

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8 22. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the media
9 content comprises an MP3 file.

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11 23. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the media
12 content comprises an WMA file.

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14 24. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
15 receiving a request for more details associated with a particular one of the
16 sets of metadata; and
17 displaying additional data associated with the particular set of metadata.

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19 25. (Original) The method as recited in claim 24, wherein the particular
20 set of metadata is associated with a music album, and wherein the additional data
21 comprises a list of tracks associated with the music album.

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23 26. (Original) The method as recited in claim 24, wherein the displaying
24 comprises:

1 submitting a media ID associated with the particular metadata to a server
2 computer system;
3 receiving the additional data from the server computer system; and
4 displaying the additional data.
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6 27. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-
7 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the
8 computer to implement the method as recited in claim 1.
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10 28. (Original) A method comprising:
11 opening media content that does not include a table of contents;
12 receiving a request for metadata associated with the media content;
13 extracting search criteria from the media content;
14 searching a database that contains media content metadata based on the
15 search criteria;
16 displaying one or more sets of metadata that, based on the search criteria,
17 may be associated with the media content;
18 receiving an indication of a user request to modify the search criteria;
19 displaying the search criteria to the user;
20 receiving user-submitted modifications to the search criteria;
21 searching the database that contains media content metadata based on
22 modified search criteria; and
23 displaying one or more sets of metadata that, based on the modified search
24 criteria, may be associated with the media content.
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1 29. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 28 wherein the
2 media content includes a data structure for storing textual metadata associated with
3 the media content.[[.]]
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5 30. (Original) The method as recited in claim 29 wherein the data
6 structure for storing textual metadata comprises structures for storing at least one
7 of an artist name, an album name, and a track name.
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9 31. (Original) The method as recited in claim 28, wherein the media
10 content comprises an MP3 file.
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12 32. (Original) The method as recited in claim 28, wherein the media
13 content comprises a WMA file.
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15 33. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-
16 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the
17 computer to implement the method as recited in claim 28.
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19 34. (Original) A method comprising:
20 opening media content that does not include a table of contents;
21 receiving a request for metadata associated with the media content;
22 extracting search criteria from the media content;
23 searching a database that contains media content metadata based on the
24 search criteria;
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1 displaying one or more sets of metadata that, based on the search criteria,
2 may be associated with the media content;

3 receiving an indication of a user request to manually enter metadata to be
4 associated with the media content;

5 enabling the user to submit metadata;

6 receiving user-submitted metadata; and

7 storing the user-submitted metadata in a media library, such that the user-
8 submitted metadata is associated with the media content.

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10 35. (Original) The method as recited in claim 34 wherein the storing the
11 user-submitted metadata in a media library comprises:

12 writing the metadata to a media library, such that the metadata is associated
13 with a particular media ID; and

14 associating the particular media ID with the media content.

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16 36. (Original) The method as recited in claim 35, wherein the associating
17 comprises modifying the media content to include the media ID.

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19 37. (Original) The method as recited in claim 35, wherein the associating
20 comprises adding a binary GUID that represents the media ID to a file containing
21 the media content.

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23 38. (Original) The method as recited in claim 34, wherein the media
24 content comprises an MP3 file.
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1 39. (Original) The method as recited in claim 34, wherein the media
2 content comprises a WMA file.

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4 40. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-
5 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the
6 computer to implement the method as recited in claim 34.

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8 41. (Original) A method comprising:
9 extracting search criteria from media content that lacks a table of contents,
10 the search criteria comprising at least one of a track name, an artist name, and an
11 album name; and
12 attempting to identify metadata associated with the media content based on
13 the search criteria.

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15 42. (Original) The method as recited in claim 41, wherein the extracting
16 comprises identifying data stored in attribute tags associated with the media
17 content.

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19 43. (Original) The method as recited in claim 41, wherein the extracting
20 comprises parsing a filename associated with the media content.

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22 44. (Original) The method as recited in claim 41, further comprising:
23 displaying metadata that, based on the search criteria, may be associated
24 with the media content;
25 receiving user selection of a particular set of the displayed metadata; and

1 maintaining the particular set of metadata in a media library, such that the
2 metadata is associated with the media content.

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4 45. (Original) The method as recited in claim 41, further comprising:
5 if metadata associated with the media content is not found:
6 enabling a user to modify the search criteria; and
7 attempting to identify metadata associated with the media content
8 based on modified search criteria.

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10 46. (Original) The method as recited in claim 45 wherein said enabling
11 comprises causing a Wizard user interface (UI) to be presented to a user via a
12 client computer so that information pertaining to the media content can be
13 collected from the user.

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15 47. (Original) The method as recited in claim 41, further comprising:
16 if metadata associated with the media content is not found:
17 enabling a user to enter metadata to be associated with the media content;
18 and
19 maintaining user-submitted metadata in a media library, such that the user-
20 submitted metadata is associated with the media content.

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22 48. (Original) The method as recited in claim 47 wherein said enabling
23 comprises causing a Wizard user interface (UI) to be presented to a user via a
24 client computer so that information pertaining to the media content can be
25 collected from the user.

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2 49. (Original) The method as recited in claim 41, wherein media content
3 comprises an MP3 file.
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5 50. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-
6 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the
7 computer to implement the method as recited in claim 41.
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9 51. (Original) A method comprising:
10 identifying search criteria associated with media content, the media content
11 lacking a table of contents;
12 searching a database for metadata to be associated with the media content,
13 the search based on the search criteria; and
14 if no metadata to be associated with the media content is found, attempting
15 to identify more accurate search criteria by causing a Wizard user interface (UI) to
16 be presented to a user via a client computer so that information pertaining to the
17 media content can be collected from the user.
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19 52. (Original) The method as recited in claim 51 further comprising
20 receiving information from the user, via the Wizard UI, the information pertaining
21 to the media content.
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23 53. (Original) The method as recited in claim 51, wherein the media
24 content comprises an MP3 file, and the information collected by the Wizard UI
25 comprises an artist's name.

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2 54. (Original) The method as recited in claim 51, wherein the specific
3 media comprises an MP3 file, and the information collected by the Wizard UI
4 comprises an album name.
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6 55. (Original) The method as recited in claim 51, wherein the specific
7 media comprises an MP3 file, and the information collected by the Wizard UI
8 comprises a track name.
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10 56. (Original) The method as recited in claim 51 further comprising
11 searching the database for metadata based on the information collected by the
12 Wizard UI.
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14 57. (Original) A method comprising:
15 identifying search criteria associated with media content, the media content
16 lacking a table of contents;

17 searching a database for metadata to be associated with the media content,
18 the search based on the search criteria; and

19 if no metadata to be associated with the media content is found, attempting
20 to identify metadata to be associated with the media content by causing a Wizard
21 user interface (UI) to be presented to a user via a client computer so that
22 information pertaining to the media content can be collected from the user.
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1 58. (Original) The method as recited in claim 57 further comprising
2 receiving information from the user, via the Wizard UI, the information pertaining
3 to the media content.

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5 59. (Original) The method as recited in claim 57, wherein the media
6 content comprises an MP3 file.

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8 60. (Original) The method as recited in claim 57, wherein the
9 information collected by the Wizard UI comprises at least one of an artist's name,
10 an album name, a track name, a track number, and a genre.

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12 61. (Original) The method as recited in claim 57 further comprising
13 storing the information collected by the Wizard UI in a media library such that the
14 information is associated with the media content.

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16 62. (Original) A system comprising:
17 a processor;
18 a memory;
19 a media player application stored in the memory and executed on the
20 processor for playing media content that lacks a table of contents;
21 a media library stored in the memory for maintaining metadata associated
22 with the media content; and
23 a Wizard UI configured to enable a user to modify search criteria associated
24 with the metadata to be used to identify metadata associated with the media
25 content, the metadata to be stored in the media library.

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2 63. (Original) The system as recited in claim 62 wherein the Wizard UI
3 is further configured to enable a user to submit user-entered metadata to be
4 associated with the media content in the media library.
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6 64. (Original) A system comprising:
7 means for extracting search criteria from media content that lacks a table of
8 contents;
9 means for locating metadata that may be associated with the media content
10 based on the search criteria; and
11 means for displaying the metadata that may be associated with the media
12 content to a user.
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14 65. (Original) The system as recited in claim 64 further comprising
15 means for enabling user modification of the search criteria.
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17 66. (Original) The system as recited in claim 64 further comprising:
18 means for enabling a user to submit metadata to be associated with the
19 media content; and
20 means for associating the metadata with the media content.
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22 67. (Original) The system as recited in claim 64 further comprising:
23 means for enabling user selection of metadata to be associated with the
24 media content; and
25 means for associating the metadata with the media content.

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2 68. (Original) One or more computer-readable media comprising
3 computer-readable instructions which, when executed, cause a computer system to:
4 extract search criteria from media content that does not include a table of
5 contents; and
6 perform a search based on the search criteria, the search returning one or
7 more sets of metadata that may be associated with the media content.
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9 69. (Original) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in
10 claim 68, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when
11 executed, cause a computer system to display a Wizard UI that enables a user to
12 modify the search criteria.
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14 70. (Original) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in
15 claim 68, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when
16 executed, cause a computer system to:
17 provide a Wizard UI that displays the one or more set of metadata;
18 enable a user to select a particular set of metadata; and
19 associate the particular set of metadata with the media content.
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21 71. (Original) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in
22 claim 68, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when
23 executed, cause a computer system to:
24 enable a user to submit metadata to be associated with the media content;
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